

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A saw blade comprising:
 - a bandsaw body having a centerline;
 - a plurality of unset teeth disposed on said band body, each tooth having a body with two outer sides defining a width, and a uniform height;
 - at least some of said teeth having a cutting extension extending above said tooth body height; and
 - each said cutting extension having two outer sides, said two outer sides defining the width of said extension;
 - said teeth are disposed on said bandsaw body in groups;
 - each tooth in a group having a cutting extension which does not have a portion of the cutting extension substantially aligned with another cutting extension in the group; and
 - wherein within each said group, the sum of the widths of said cutting extensions is about equal to the width of the teeth bodies.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) The saw blade of Claim 21, wherein within a said group of teeth, each said cutting extension outer side generally aligns with the outer side of the tooth body or with an outer side of an extension on another tooth within the group.
4. (Currently amended) The saw blade of Claim 21, wherein within a said group of teeth, each said cutting extension being generally about the same width.
5. (Original) The saw blade of Claim 3, wherein:
 - each said group of teeth includes a plurality of cutting teeth;
 - each said cutting tooth having a cutting extension;
 - each cutting extension having a width that is about equal to the width of the tooth body divided by the number of cutting teeth in the group.

6. (Withdrawn)

7. (Withdrawn)

8. (Previously amended) The saw blade of Claim 5, wherein:

said group has four cutting teeth including a first tooth, a second tooth, a third tooth, and a fourth tooth;

each said cutting tooth having a cutting extension with a width that is about one fourth the width of each said tooth body;

said first tooth cutting extension disposed with one outer side aligned with said bandsaw body centerline and said extension extending toward one tooth body outer side;

said second tooth cutting extension disposed with one outer side aligned with said bandsaw body centerline and said extension extending toward the tooth body outer side opposite the tooth body side said first cutting extension extends toward;

said third tooth cutting extension having an outer side aligned with the one outer side of said tooth body and an outer side aligned with an outer side of said first tooth cutting extension; and

said fourth tooth cutting extension having an outer side aligned with the outer side of said tooth body opposite the tooth body outer side aligned with said third tooth cutting extension, and an outer side aligned with an outer side of said second tooth cutting extension.

9. (Original) The saw blade of Claim 8, wherein said group having four cutting teeth includes a fifth tooth that is a raker tooth.

10. (Withdrawn)

11. (Withdrawn)

12. (Original) The saw blade of Claim 3, wherein:

each said group of teeth includes a plurality of cutting teeth;

each said cutting tooth having one or more cutting extensions; and
wherein the sum of the widths of said one or more cutting extensions on each
tooth having cutting extensions is about equal to the width of the tooth body divided
by the number of cutting teeth in the group.

13. (Withdrawn)

14. (Withdrawn)

15. (Currently amended) The saw blade of claim 2-1 wherein:
said each groups comprise a plurality of said teeth; and
one or more groups have a different number of teeth than other said groups.

16. (Original) The saw blade of claim 15 wherein at least two groups are
separated by a raker tooth.

17. (Original) The saw blade of Claim 16, wherein within a said group of
teeth, each said cutting extension outer side generally aligns with the outer side of the
tooth body or with the outer side of an extension on another tooth within the group.

18. (Original) The saw blade of Claim 17, wherein:
each said group of teeth includes a plurality of cutting teeth;
each said cutting tooth having one or more cutting extensions; and
wherein the sum of the widths of said one or more cutting extensions on each
tooth having cutting extensions is about equal to the width of the tooth body divided
by the number of cutting teeth in the group.

19. (Previously presented) The saw blade of Claim 17, wherein within a
said group of teeth, each said cutting extension has about the same width.